



Lakes Region Youth Hockey Association

Dear Laker Nation:

We hope that you are having a wonderful and safe summer. As we begin to think about and plan for the upcoming hockey season, we want to assure you that safety is and remains our top priority. We continue to work with Merrill Fay Arena, the rinks across the state, as well as USA Hockey to implement policies and procedures creating and centering around a safe and fun environment.

We are committed to making the transition back to the rink as smooth as possible. The resources below have been made available through USA Hockey and are being used as guidelines as we get back to the game we know and love!

[Early Return On-Ice Activities](#)

[USA Hockey Safety Updates](#)

[Facemask Guideline](#)

We plan to return to hockey in its fullest capacity in the fall!! To that end, we want to make you aware of some important dates, namely the start of the season and placements/evaluations.

Practices are scheduled to begin Monday, September 21st. Practice days will be Monday, Tuesday and Thursday. **Learn to Play Mites will begin practice on Monday, November 2nd.** **The smallest Lakers, our Learn to Skaters, will begin practice on Saturday, November 7th.** Please see the website for specific practice times.

We realize that for many, this will be the first time our players will have hit the ice in several months. The first week will be used to get re-acclimated to the ice before attending **placements/evaluations** that will be scheduled for **Thursday, October 1st.** Please note this will be our only night of placements/evaluations. Please make every effort to attend.

Players **MUST** register with USA hockey (www.usahockey.com) and with LRYHA (www.lryha.org) prior to taking the ice. Players who have not registered will not be permitted to skate.

Please be on the lookout for an email from our treasurer, Heather Javalgi, if you have not already paid for or set up a payment plan for the upcoming season.

During the first week of practice:

- Monday, 9/21 Check in with registrar, Rich Ellis
- Pick up mandatory fundraising calendars- The calendar raffle will be for the month of December. **Raffle tickets will be collected on Monday and Tuesday, November 23rd and 24th.**
- Thursday, 9/24 Parent Meeting. In an effort to socially distance, we will meet outside in the back parking lot of the rink. Three brief meetings will be held shortly after the start of each practice.



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We are excited about our upcoming season and will continue to keep you posted regarding specific guidelines related to COVID-19 as they become available to us. As always, we encourage you to get involved. Please see our website or ask one of our board members for more information.

We'll see you soon at the rink...

Warmly,

Jennifer McGreevy, President
Francis Rowley, Vice-President
Jyoti Hall, Secretary
Heather Javalgi, Treasurer
Rich Ellis, Registrar

Mike Zegarelli, ACE Coordinator
Ron Mercier, League Representative
Caroline Drouin, Sponsorship/Fundraising Coordinator
Pat O'Reilly, In House Program Coordinator
Mike Murray, Referee-In-Chief

Important Dates at a Glance:

- September 21st - Practices Begin for Mite, Squirt, PeeWee, and Bantam
- September 24th - Parent Meeting at the start of each practice
- October 1st - Placements *Please see LRYHA website (calendar) for specific time of placement/evaluation
- October 10th - Mite Half Ice Parity
- October 12th - Pictures with DC Sports (at the time of your practice)
- November 2nd - LTP Mites Begin
- November 7th – 1st session LTS Begins (6 weeks)
- November 26th - No Practice / Happy Thanksgiving
- December 24th - No Practice / Merry Christmas
- December 31st - No Practice / Happy New Year
- January 2nd - 2nd session LTS Begins (6 weeks)
- February 5th – 7th - No Games Pond Hockey Classic
- February/March- Bantam Seacoast Tournament (Exact Dates have not yet been released)
- February 19th – 21st - Squirt GSL Tournament
- February/March^l- Squirt Seacoast Tournament (Exact Dates have not yet been released)
- February 26th – 28th - Pee Wee GSL Tournament
- February/March- Pee Wee Seacoast Tournament (Exact Dates have not yet been released)
- March 5th – 7th - Bantam GSL Tournament
- Heyliger Tournament (LTP Mites Only) (Exact Dates have not yet been released)